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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 8, 2004, Paper No./Mail Date 11032004, please amend and reconsider the above referenced patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.